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SUBJECT: KOREAN NUCLEAR REPROCESSING - PRESS GUIDANCE
1. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT'S JANUARY 26 PRESS BRIEFING:

QUOTE
QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE PRESS REPORTS THAT FRANCE HAS SOLD A NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT TO KOREA?

ANSWER: THE REPORTS OF THIS SALE ARE INACCURATE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS SERIOUSLY RECONSIDERED THE PROJECT.

QUESTION: HAS THE USG PRESSURED THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT TO FOREGO THIS PURCHASE?

ANSWER: THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT IS FULLY AWARE OF OUR VIEW

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ON THE SUBJECT. THE DECISION, AS YOU KNOW, IS THEIRS.

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION ON THE SALE OF NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANTS?

ANSWER: THE USG OPPOSES THE FURTHER SPREAD OF NATIONAL REPROCESSING FACILITIES. UNQUOTE

2. REPROCESSING QUESTION WAS NOT RAISED AT BRIEFING.
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